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SUBJECT: BRANDT RESPONDS TO FILBINGER REMARKS ON US,
EUROPE, AND MIDDLE EAST

REF: STUTTGART 0954

1. FILBINGER REMARKS IN BUNDESRAT NOVEMBER 9 FOLLOWED
EXACT WORDING OF ADVANCE TEXT.

BRANDT RESPONDED WITH STATEMENT
DEFENDING GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST.

2. BRANDT LABELED NOVEMBER 6 DECLARATION OF EC NINE A
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. ALTHOUGH
SOME EC MEMBERS ARE LESS SATISFIED THAN OTHERS, THIS IS
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THE PRICE WHICH MUST BE PAID FOR WEST EUROPEAN UNITY.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG'S DECISION NOT TO TAKE SIDES
IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT MUST NOT BE MISINTERPRETED AS
INDICATING ANY TREND TOWARD NEUTRALISM IN THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE CONTEXT. BRANDT ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERN-
MENT'S RECENT CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WORDS CHARACTERIZING
THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES WERE NOT
INTENDED TO DEROGATE FROM FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE FRG
PLACES ON ITS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. IN
CONCLUSION, BRANDT SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT DENY THAT
THERE HAD BEEN "PROBLEMS OF UNDERSTANDING" WITHIN THE
ALLIANCE BUT THAT NATO IN GENERAL AND FRG-US RELATIONS
IN PARTICULAR HAD WITHSTOOD THE TEST POSED BY THE
MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

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